GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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INVOLVEMENT OF PANCHAYATS IN WATER CONSERVATION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have assigned Panchayati Raj Institutions for theimplementation of water conservation scheme; (B) if so, whether the Government have issued any directions to this effect;

(c) the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be implemented by the Panchayati Raj Institutions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL):

(a) to (d) The Hon`ble Prime Minister has launched a new initiative named `Hariyaii` on27.1.2003. Under this initiative, all Watershed Development Programmes of the Departmentof Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, namely, the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), the Desert Development Programme (DDP) and the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) would be implemented through Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI). All newwatershed development projects sanctioned in future would be executed by the Grain Panchayats with technical support from the Intermediate Panchayat/Zilla Panchayat who would act as the Project Implementing Agency (PIA). In case the Intermediate/Zilla Panchayat has no technicalstaff to support the Gram Panchayats, suitable Government Line Departments/Autonomous Agencies/Voluntary Organisations would be identified for the purpose.